

Model City/Brownsville



The Design Charrette was held at the Joseph Caleb Community Center library building and was well attended by residents, property and business owners, representing a diverse cross-section of the community. During the week, the design team set up its studio at the Joseph Caleb Center cafeteria building in Model City/Brownsville, where the doors remained open to the public all day. A presentation of work in progress was held on Friday, May 23rd. Residents, property and business owners as well as County staff and elected officials were present. Work continued in the weeks that followed the initial public workshop. The citizens, with the assistance of a professional team, studied the many challenges faced by the community and proposed specific solutions. A series of presentations by County Staff were held and during that time further citizen and professional input was taken into account. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) passed a resolution (# R-598-04) on May 11th 2004, thereby accepting the Model City/Brownsville Charrette Report and its recommendations.



Above: The Model City/Brownsville Charrette Area Plan. **Left middle:** Illustration depicting an expanded Caleb Center with a more open entrance plaza, and a renovated facade. **Left bottom:** A proposed view of NW 54th Street with a landscaped median.



Some of the objectives developed during the charrette are:

- To provide redevelopment opportunities for the Joseph Caleb Community Center and convert it into a dignified civic center for the community.
- Redevelopment of the Brownsville Metrorail Station by establishing transit oriented development guidelines that encourage ridership.
- To provide redevelopment incentives of the Hampton House area that promotes new cultural and entertainment uses in the form of an Entertainment-Cultural Business District.
- To generate development incentives in the underutilized industrial areas that create new job, business, and residential opportunities in the form of a well planned Industrial Village.
- To address the housing needs of the community by redeveloping the existing public housing projects and providing a variety of affordable housing types.
- To provide design standards that improve the existing corridors such as NW 62nd Street, NW 54th Street, NW 46th Street, NW 22nd Avenue, and NW 27th Avenue, and convert them into pedestrian-friendly streets.